

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5**

DATE: April 27, 2007

SUBJECT: Reports of Significant Developments and Activities
Ending on April 20, 2007

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The activities listed below are organized by site-specific activities and training/conferences:

SITE-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

Complaint Filed, SuperClean Brands, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota

On April 13, 2007, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) filed a Complaint against SuperClean Brands, Inc., doing business as Fox Packaging Company, for violations of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Section 312 reporting requirements. The Complaint alleged that SuperClean Brands, Inc., failed to timely submit to the Minnesota State Emergency Response Commission and St. Paul Fire Department, Tier II reports for calendar years 2004 and 2005. SuperClean Brands, Inc., was storing over 2 million pounds of methanol, 189,500 pounds of isopropyl alcohol, and 50,900 pounds of ethylene glycol. The Agency proposes a \$48,178 penalty. SuperClean Brands, Inc., has 30 days to respond.

Contact: Ruth McNamara (312-533-3193)

Risk Management Planning Inspection Conducted, Anderson Development Company - NF3, Adrian, Michigan

On April 10, 2007, Monika Chrzaszcz from the Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section (CEPPS) conducted an inspection at the Anderson Development Company - NF3 plant in Adrian, Michigan. The purpose of the inspection was to review

the Risk Management Program (RMP) that the facility has in place for the storage and handling of hydrogen fluoride and anhydrous ammonia which are both regulated substances under the RMP regulation. The facility manufactures high purity nitrogen trifluoride gas.

Contact: Monika Chrzaszcz (312-886-0181)

Risk Management Planning Inspection Conducted, BioLab Incorporated, Adrian, Michigan

On April 11, 2007, Monika Chrzaszcz from the Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section (CEPPS) conducted an inspection at the BioLab Incorporated plant in Adrian, Michigan. The purpose of the inspection was to review the Risk Management Program (RMP) that the facility has in place for the storage, handling, and manufacturing of bromine, chlorine, and ammonia which are all regulated substances under the RMP regulation. This facility's primary activity encompasses synthesis of organic chemicals to produce water treatment chemicals used to prevent harmful bacteria. In addition, this facility treats its own water.

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Risk Management Planning Inspection Conducted, City of Jackson Water Treatment Plant, Jackson, Michigan

On April 12, 2007, Monika Chrzaszcz from the Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section (CEPPS) conducted an inspection at the City of Jackson Water Treatment plant in Jackson, Michigan. The purpose of the inspection was to review the Risk Management Program (RMP) that the facility has in place for the storage and handling of chlorine, which is a regulated substance under the RMP regulation. The facility treats drinking water for the City of Jackson and surrounding communities.

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TRAINING/CONFERENCES

Western Lake Superior Port Area Committee Meeting, Duluth, Minnesota

On April 10, 2007, On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) Michelle Jaster and Brian Schlieger attended the quarterly Western Lake Superior

Port Area Committee (PAC) meeting held in Duluth, Minnesota. These meetings are hosted by the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Duluth, and are held 3-4 times per year. Attendees represent all levels of local, State, and Federal government, as well as local industry. The topics discussed at this meeting included: an overview of recent changes made to the Area Contingency Plan, an update of additions to the Coast Guard Homeport website, a presentation by Stephen Lee of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) on in-situ burning, and reports from all committee members on recent pollution and homeland security activities. The next meeting is in July 2007.

On April 12, 2007, the committee reconvened in Dutch Bay, Michigan, along with the Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC). Additional topics were added that included a discussion of communications upgrades in the Region, and reports from all committee members on recent pollution and homeland security activities. OSC Michelle Jaster presented an overview of three mercury responses from the Fall of 2006, as well as a summary of an oil spill response from January 2007 which highlighted various member agencies working cooperatively to respond to a pollution event in the Region. The next meeting is in July 2007.

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Tribal Brownfields Workshop, Chicago, Illinois

On April 17-19, 2007, the Revitalization, Documents, and Agreements Branch (RDAB) hosted its annual Tribal Brownfields 128(a) Workshop. Tribes that are recipients of the 128(a) Brownfields Program grant are the targeted audience. The goal of the 128(a) program is to build and enhance the capacity of the States and tribes to conduct response actions. The agenda for the workshop focused on the required elements of the Brownfields program. There was also a closed Tribal session followed by a report out on tribal issues to the Brownfields Section Chief, RDAB Branch Chief, and Superfund Division Director. In addition, there was a recognition award presented to one of the tribes (Keweenaw Bay Indian Community) for the first Brownfields cleanup paid for by EPA funds. The workshop closed with a training session on the Brownfields All Appropriate Inquiry rule led by Headquarters. RDAB has received positive feedback regarding the workshop.

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